For reduction of transmission and distribution losses, a set of guidelines have been issued to the State Electriciy Boards/State Governments in February, 1986. The theft of electricity is also being made a cognizable offence.

Statement

State-wise plant load factor

(PLF %)

	1985-86
Delhi	51·0
Haryana	32·8
J & K	—
Rajasthan	57.5
Punjab	58·9
U.P.	47·1
Gujarat	55·1
M.P.	57·7
Maharashtra	54·8
Andhra Pradesh	67·3
Karnataka	33·5
Tamil Nadu	62·8
Bihar	34·1
D.V.C.	49·4
Orissa	31·7
West Bengal	43·2
Assam	27·5
ALL INDIA :	52·4

Grant of Industrial Licences

1791. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of industrial licences granted during the calendar year 1986 upto 31st July, 1986;

(b) what are the names of companies and the names of industrial houses to which they belong and the places where such industries are proposed to be located; and

(c) what is the policy of Government regarding issue of industrial licences to big industrial houses and others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, a total of 388 industrial licences were granted during January-July, 1986.

(b) Details, such as name and address of the undertaking, location (including the name of district), item(s) of manufacture and capacity etc. in respect of all industrial licences issued are being published regularly by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletter'. Copies of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

(c) The companies covered by MRTP/FERA Acts, are allowed to participate in Appendix-I industries. If they want to take up manufacture of items pertaining to non-Appendix-I industries, they have to undertake an export condition of at least 60 percent of the production if the item of manufacture is not reserved for small scale sector and 75 per cent of the production if the item is reserved for small scale industries sector. However, the export obligation of 60 per cent is reduced to 25 per cent if the undertaking is to be set up in category 'B'/'C' backward districts and "Nil" if it is to be set up in category 'A' backward district. 20 specified industries have been delicensed in favour of MRTP/FERA companies for location in centrally declared backward areas.